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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 1999. A Continuing Prosecution Application was filed April 7, 2000. Prior to examination, please enter the following preliminary amendments, and consider the subsequent remarks responsive to the pending Office Action.